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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Fischer et al.

Serial No.: 10/019,087

Filed: December 19, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN
COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE OR
MORTALITY

Confirmation No. 3082

Group Art Unit: 1644

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("Amendment") in response to the final Office Action dated November 17, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.